

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A closure ~~having~~ comprising a peripheral skirt and a ceiling extending inwardly from atop of the skirt ~~wherein, the peripheral skirt has~~ having an outer surface that is a gripping area for removing the closure from a container ~~and wherein, the outer surface has~~ having a label covering that is at least a part of the closure gripping area, the ceiling being free of the label covering, and the label covering having a thickness ranging from about 2 to about 12 mils and having a soft feel material on an outermost layer of the covering.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A closure according to claim 1, wherein the covering is comprised of a material having a different composition than the ~~closure peripheral skirt and ceiling.~~

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): A closure according to claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the covering covers at least 20% of the outer surface of the peripheral skirt.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A closure according to claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the covering covers at least 30% of the outer surface of the peripheral skirt.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A closure according to claim 3_1, wherein the covering covers at least 50% of the outer surface of the peripheral skirt.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A closure according to claim 3_1, wherein the covering covers at least 65% of the outer surface of the peripheral skirt.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A closure according to claim 3_1, wherein the covering covers at least 80% of the outer surface of the peripheral skirt.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A closure according to claim 3_1, wherein the covering covers 100% of the outer surface of the peripheral skirt.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A closure according to claim 3_1, wherein the soft feel material is selected from the group consisting of cataloy polyolefin, thermoplastic olefin, thermoplastic elastomer, lacquer, and soft feel paint.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A closure according to claim 1, wherein the label covering is comprised of at least two separate labels.

Claims 12-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (original): A closure according to claim 1, wherein the covering has a thickness of 2-8 mils.

Claim 15 (original): A closure according to claim 1, wherein the closure is made of a material selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polycarbonate, polyamides and/or polyethylene terephthalate, polyvinylchloride, and polystyrene, including multilayer combinations thereof.

Claim 16 (new): A closure according to claim 1, wherein the label covering is of a different color than the ceiling.

Claim 17 (new): A closure according to claim 1, wherein the label covering is an in-mold label.

Claim 18 (new): A closure according to claim 1, wherein the soft feel material has a Shore A or Shore D hardness ranging from 35 to 80.